(c) Though no specific target has been set for achieving complete literacy amongst adults, it is expected that approximately 75-80% of the districts would have been covered by total literacy cam-
• paigns and the literacy rate in the country
would increase to around 70% by the
•end of the 8th Five Year Plan.

Vacant Posts in the Kendriya Vidyalayas in Assam

1450. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA ; Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it a fact that in the Kendriya Vidyalaysas in Assam many posts of teachers are lying vacant; and

(b) If so, the number thereof and by when these are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) Regular teachers could not be posted against the following posts :—

Post Graduate Teachers	___ 36
Trained Graduate Teachers	___ 33
Primary Teachers	___ 58
Miscellaneous	___ 31

The creation and filling up of vacancies is a continous process as vacancies keep arising from time to time, and getting filled. However, the local Vidyalaya Management Committes are empowred *to* fill up vacant posts temporarily With . adhoc teachers.

Filling up of Vacant Posts in Kendriya Vidyalayas in Assam

1451. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that in the Kendriya Vidyalayas in Assam, some posts are not filled up permanently and only temporary arrangements are made ;

(b) Whether it is also a fact that even for such temporary jobs, the local telants are not given opportunity; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) to (c) As per provision contained in the Education Code of Kendriya Vidyalayas, the adhoc arrangements of teachers are made in Kendriya Vidyalayas on temporary basis till regular incumbents become available. As per rules, the names of adhoc teachers are sponsored only by local Employment Exchange and selection made locally

Financial Requirements of Colleges in Bihar

1452. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has assessed the finan cial requirements of the colleges in Bihar during the Eighth Plan period ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government propose to fulfil all the financial requirements of the colleges in Bihar during the plan ; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) to (d) Colleges are generally established by voluntary agencies, Trusts or State Governments and their development requirements are met primarily by these agencies. UGC provides development grants to eligible colleges , within the resources available to the Commission, for purchase of books, journals and equipment, appointment of staff and construction of academic and hostel buildings, according to cetrtain prescribed norms. The Commission has examined the proposals received from eligible colleges in Bihar for development assistance during the 8th Plan but has not taken a final decision on the quantum of assistance to be provided.

Prohibitive Prices of Books

1453. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be
pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in the recent World Book fair held in Delhi, the books in English language dominated the scene ;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to encourage publishers in India to bring out more than books in regional languages ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the costs of the books are prohibitive; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to make popular books available to the reading public at reasonable prices ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) Out of the total 849 participants at the Tenth New Delhi World Book Fair, more than 500 were publishers, book-sellers and distributors of books in English.

(b) National Book Trust encourages publishers to bring out more books in regional languages under the following schemes :—

(i) the scheme for providing assistance to publishers, authors and illustrators to bring out books for children.

(ii) the scheme for providing assistance to publishers, authors and illustrators to bring out books for neo-literates:

(iii) the scheme for subsidised publication of books under which assistance is provided to publishers and authors for bringing out books for higher education sector ;

(iv) the publication of the catalogue of books recommended for translation ; and

(v) the publication of the catalogue of select Indian books for children.

(c) Because of a number of factors, the sale price of books, has also gone up. However, a number of publishers of the public and private sector, including the National Book Trust, India, bring out reasonably priced books on a variety of subjects.

(d) National Book Trust brings out popular books on a variety of subjects, including translations, of significant creative works of Indian languages, in English, Hindi and 11 other Indian languages. The Trust also provides assistance for publishing books for children, neo-literates and the higher education sector on the condition that these are made available at reasonable prices under its different publishing series.

भारतीय भाषाओं का विकास

1454. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में भारतीय भाषाओं के विकास के लिए कोई लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और इसके लिए कितनी धनराशि रखी गई है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री अर्जुन सिंह) : (क) और (ख) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना अभी तक अनुमोदित नहीं हुई है । अतः इस सम्बन्ध में किसी भी भौतिक/वित्तीय लक्ष्य को बता पाना संभव नहीं है ।

आगामी एशियाई और ओलम्पिक खेलों में भारत की भागीदारी

1455. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) आगामी एशियाई और ओलम्पिक खेलों में भारत द्वारा किन-किन खेलों में भाग लिए जाने की सम्भावना है ;

(ख) क्या इसके लिए कोई तैयारी आरम्भ की जा चुकी है ; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) भारतीय खेलों के दिनों दिन गिरते स्तर के क्या कारण हैं ?

मानव संसाधन विकास युवा कार्य और खेल विभाग) मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (महिला और बाल विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (कुमारी ममता बनर्जी) : (क) एशियाई खेल, 1994 में जिन खेलों में भारत द्वारा भाग लेने की सम्भावना है, उन्हें अभी अंतिम